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SUBJ: SADAT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEDICAL  
TREATMENT FOR AHMED HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE

1. FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET, MFA UNDERSEC USAMA AL-BAZ,  
HAS CONVEYED TO ME A REQUEST FROM PRES SADAT THAT WE ASSIST  
IN ARRANGING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR AHMED HUSSEIN  
AND HIS WIFE. THE PRESIDENT'S MEMO TO MFA SUGGESTED THAT  
THE USG BE REQUESTED TO HAVE THEM AS "OFFICIAL GUESTS,"  
I.E., PAYING ALL THE BILLS.

2. AHMED HUSSEIN IS AN EIGHTY YEAR OLD LAWYER, WHO DURING THE  
THIRTIES FOUNDED AND HEADED THE YOUNG EGYPT PARTY. LATTER,  
IT WILL BE RECALLED, WAS HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC AND RIGHT-  
WING AND WAS FOR A TIME CONSIDERED AS A CRYPTO-FASCIST AND  
TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THE PARTY AND ITS LEADER HAD REPEATED  
DIFFICULTIES WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES, MOST NOTABLY DURING FIRST  
YEARS OF SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN THEY WERE ACCUSED OF MAIN-  
TAINING CONTACT WITH NAZIS. YOUNG EGYPT PARTY, ALONG WITH  
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, WAS IMPLICATED IN 1952 BLACK SUNDAY  
BURNING OF CAIRO.

3. AHMED HUSSEIN WAS FIRST POLITICAL LEADER WHOM ABDEL  
NASSER AND ANWAR SADAT FOLLOWED. HUSSEIN WAS ARRESTED ON  
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MANY OCCASIONS, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE WAS  
EVERY ACTUALLY CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME BY COURT OF LAW.  
FOLLOWING 1952 REVOLUTION, HUSSEIN WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND  
HONORED BY THE FREE OFFICERS. SADAT, ON ASSUMING THE  
PRESIDENCY, ARRANGED FOR HUSSEIN TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL PENSION  
FROM THE STATE. IN RECENT YEARS HUSSEIN HAS DESCRIBED HIMSELF  
AS A SOCIALIST, ALTHOUGH HE PERIODICALLY WRITES ARTICLES

IN THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MOUTHPIECE AL DAWA AND ACHIEVED SOME NOTORIETY BY CALLING UPON QUEEN ELIZABETH TO EMBRACE ISLAM. HUSSEIN IS PARALYZED, BUT OUR FILES DO NOT INDICATE CAUSE. HIS WIFE IS SISTER OF INDEPENDENT MP HELMI MURAD. WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION OF WHY AHMED HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE HAVE AT THIS TIME REQUESTED PRESIDENT TO ARRANGE FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND TREATMENT IN US. NOR DO WE KNOW THEIR PRECISE AILMENTS.

4. TOLD AL BAZ THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW USG COULD HAVE AHMED HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE AS "OFFICIAL GUESTS" AND PAY THEIR HOSPITAL BILLS. I POINTED OUT THAT, GIVEN HIS BACKGROUND, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN WAIVER IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM VISA. WE COULD PERHAPS PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING HOSPITALIZATION, BUT WOULD HARDLY BE IN POSITION TO ASSUME COSTS. WHILE WE APPRECIATE PRES'S DESIRE, I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT MATTER ALSO BE VIEWED FROM POINT OF VIEW THAT WE HAVE NO REAL JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENDING "OFFICIAL" INVITATION. I SUGGESTED, IF IT IS A FUNDING PROBLEM, MFA MIGHT WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH GHORBAL AND REQUEST LATTER ASCERTAIN IF SOME CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT BE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP.

5. AL BAZ EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING, BUT IS RELUCTANT TO GO BACK TO THE PRESIDENT WITHOUT SOME POSITIVE RESPONSE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE ASKED THAT DEPT INDICATE WHAT IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR AHMED HUSSEIN AND HIS WIFE. MEANTIME, HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH GHORBAL TO SOLICIT HIS INTERVENTION WITH PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS OR CHARITABLE GROUPS. SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT GHORBAL ON THIS MATTER AND LET US KNOW WHAT RESPONSE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MFA TO BE CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT ON THIS MATTER. EILTS

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